

## **THE SEVEN HILLS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OHIO BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 6, 2019) — In its 34<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Brennan Callow of The Seven Hills School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Callow is the first Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from The Seven Hills School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Callow as Ohio's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Callow joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 6-foot-5, 195-pound senior defender and midfielder scored 26 goals and passed for eight assists this past season, leading the Stingers (16-2-1) to the Division III, Region 12 tournament semifinals. A two-time Division III First Team All-State selection, Callow was also a United Soccer Coaches All-American honoree and participated in the High School All-American Game. He concluded his prep soccer career with 62 goals and 22 assists.

Callow has volunteered locally at Stepping Stones, a summer camp for people with intellectual and physical challenges. He has also donated his time on behalf of elementary school literacy programs and as part of community beautification projects. "Brennan always requires special attention (from the defense)," said Steve Thomas, head coach of Wyoming High. "He's one of the most versatile players that I have seen given his ability to play center back, center midfield and striker. He has the ability to score as well as defend."

Callow has maintained a weighted 3.96 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Michigan this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Callow joins recent Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Players of the Year Luke Kiley (2017-18, Dublin Coffman High School), Stephen Milhoan (2016-17 & 2015-16, St. Ignatius High School), Chris Brennan (2014-15, Copley High School) and Jack Clark (2013-14, William Mason High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Callow also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [www.Gatorade.com/POY](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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